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Preamble to the Lord Chancellor's Patent Creating him Earl of *Macclesfield*, &c. which bears Date *Nov.* 15, 1721.

QUemadmodum nihil habeat Potestas Regia jucundius quàm ut possit benè merentes premiis donare; ita imprimis Reges decet eos Favore prosequi perpetuo, qui se constantes & perpetuos in bene merendo præstiterint. Nos igitur prædilectum & perquam fidelem Consiliarium nostrum Thomam *Dominum* Parker *Baronem de Macclesfield ob multas Virtutes quibus se Nobis nostroq; Populo commendârat, præcipuè vero ob eximiam, dum Regio Banco præsideret, in Jure dicendo Scientiam & Fidem titulo Baronis hujus Regni olim ornavimus; posteaq; ad officium summi Cancellarii Magnæ Britanniæ renitentem quidem, utpote qui suis viribus parum confideret, sed Mandatis nostris tandem cedentem admovimus: Et nunc, cum hoc tanto munere plus tribus annis dignè perfunctus est, penitus perspicientes ejus in arduis Regni negotiis conficiendis Prudentiam, Fidem & Fortitudinem: Scientesque quantùm cum laude ad Lites dirimendas affert felicem Sagacitatem cum invictâ in audiendo Patientiâ conjunctam, summam Jurisprudentiam cum Scientiâ æquitatis ad Fraudem reprimendam vel Rigorem Juris leniendum aptè adhibendæ, Judicium subactum cum animo nec pretio nec prece, nec odio nec gratiâ corrumpendo; & ad Omnes Provinciæ illius occupatissimæ laboremq; penè infinitum desiderantis partes absolvendas eam Diligentiam, quæ vel maximis virtutibus facile annumerari possit: Moti prætered illius studio erga Nos Nostrosq; acerrimo nec unquam intermisso, curaq; perpetuâ nostræ Dignitatis unaq; communis salutis, societate utriusq; Nobis gratissimâ rectè servatâ, Nobiscum constituimus tot tantisque meritis se Nobis probantem ad ampliores Titulos evehere. Sciatis igitur, &c.*

AS no Part of Regal Power is more agreeable than that of rewarding Men of Merit, so nothing more becomes a King, than to be constant in bestowing Favours upon those who are constant in deserving them. We therefore formerly advanced our right trusty and well beloved Counsellour *Thomas* Lord *Parker* to the Dignity of a Baron of this Realm upon Account of the many Virtues, by which he had recommended himself to Us and Our People, but especially of the eminent Integrity and Knowledge of the Laws, with which he adorned the Station of Chief Justice of the King's Bench; and we afterwards rais'd him to the Office of High Chancellour of Great Britain, which he declin'd indeed out of too great a Distrust of his Abilities, but at length accepted in Obedience to Our Commands: And now, that he has worthily discharged this great Employment for above three Years, seeing more clearly his Prudence Fidelity and Courage in the Management of the weighty Affairs of our State: Knowing with how much Reputation he brings, to the Administration of Justice, a happy Sagacity join'd with an invincible Patience in Hearing, great Skill in the Common Law with the Knowledge of seasonably applying Equity to repress Fraud or soften the Rigour of the Law, a sound Judgment together with a Mind not to be biassed by Rewards or Intreaties by Hatred or Affection; and to the Discharge of every Part of that very busy and almost infinitely laborious Province a Diligence, which may well be reckoned amongst the greatest Virtues: Moved moreover by his vigorous and uninterrupted Zeal for Us and Our Family, and the perpetual Regard which he has to Our Dignity and at the same Time to the Welfare of Our Subjects, rightly preserving those two things united, which it would be highly ungrateful to Us ever to see separated: We have determined to advance to higher Titles one who approves himself to Us by so many and so great Instances of Merit. Know ye therefore, &c.

HAGUE,

Price Three Half-Pence.

The States General Placard continued.

AND that the above Orders may be exactly executed, the Captains or Masters of all the Ships coming from the said Places, Coasts or Havens, shall not take at Sea, the Goods out of any other Vessel: Neither shall they come in at other Entrances than these following, viz. the Gorée and the Meuse, for Ships bound to the Meuse; the Texel or the Vlie, for Ships bound to Amsterdam; the Quarter of the North, the Frise, Stad, and Lande Veer, or Flessingue, for Ships bound to Zealand. Provided also, that such Ships or Vessels as shall enter the Gorée or the Meuse, shall advance no further in the Gorée than to the Quack, and Helvoetsluys; and in the Meuse, than off the Haven of the Brill: Ships entring the Texel must proceed to the Balgh; by the Vlie, to Mackelyckhoudt; and in Zealand, towards the Sloe, near the Place called Davids Haventje. And the Masters, or Captains, shall at their Arrival, give into the first Guard-Ship, a Declaration of the Captain, Pilot, and Surgeon if there be one, containing the Names of the Vessel and Captain, the Place or Places they come from, the State and Condition of the Health, as also the Number of the Crew and Passengers, and in case there be any sick or dead, to declare it without the least Subterfuge or Evasion, specifying the Time and what Place, and by what Kind of Malady: Moreover, the Captain and Pilot shall add another Declaration to the Bottom of the forenamed, containing an exact and specifical List of their whole Lading, particularizing the Numbers and Marks, without omitting any, of what Nature soever; and this to be respectively signed by the Captain, the Pilot, and Surgeon if there be one, with an Offer to take the Oath according to the Form inserted at the Foot of this Placard. The said Declarations, and what else the Captains have a Mind to add, must be dipt in Vinegar, before Delivery, under Penalty of Arbitrary Punishment; and the said Declarations shall be sent without Loss of Time, by the Officer of the First Guard Ship, to the College of the Admiralty under whose Jurisdiction the Case shall happen: The Captains, nevertheless, shall be obliged to continue with their Ships at the Places above specified, without entring further, and without suffering any Person to go on Shore, nor any one whatsoever to go on Board the said Ships, till they have Leave so to do, in Writing, from the Admiralty College under whose Jurisdiction they find themselves: The Whole under Penalty of Confiscating the Ship, and Arbitrary Punishment, which Punishment may be extended to Death, according to the Nature and Exigency of the Case.

The respective Admiralty Colleges shall carefully examine the said Lists and Declarations, and upon finding that there is only permitted Merchandize on Board the said Ships, and that the whole Crew is in good Health, and out of all Suspicion of having the Contagion, they shall give Leave to the said Captains to pursue their Voyages, with their Ladings, towards the Places they are bound; provided first of all, that the Oath offered by the Declaration be taken personally before the Commissary or Master of Convoy, who shall be qualified for that Purpose, in a Place the most neighbouring, who shall register it, and deliver a formal Instrument of it, without exacting or receiving any Fee for the same: And no Goods shall be unladen or transported till the said Oath is taken. The whole under the Penalties afore specified. In Case there be Grounds to suspect any Contagion, the Colleges of the Admiralty are, in that respect, to regulate a Quarantain in the manner they shall judge necessary, according to the Exigency of the Case.

Ships coming from Italy and Spain towards the Mediterranean, and from Places more remote the Levant excepted.

The Captains of all Ships coming from Italy, the Ports and Places of Spain situated on the Mediterranean, and in general, from all the Countries and Islands in the Mediterranean, (the Levant excepted, of which it shall be spoken of afterwards) shall not take at Sea Merchandizes from any other Vessel; and the said Captains shall be obliged to conform in every Respect to what is already prescribed relating to the Captains coming from France, and under the same Penalties, as well with respect to the Entrances into this Country, where they shall arrive, and the Latitude which they are not to pass, as with Regard to the Declarations they are to give and to confirm by Oath, and the Place where they are to remain till they receive Permission to advance further, without suffering any Person to disembark, or to go a shore; except that it shall be permitted to Ships of the Countries aforenamed to bring all kinds of Merchandize as heretofore, imbaled, and packt up, as usual.

Ships and Merchandize coming from the Levant.

By the Name of the Levant, are comprehended the Coasts of Egypt, Syria, Caramania, Natolia, Greece, the Morea, Island of Cyprus, and all the Islands of the Archipelago, as far as Zante, inclusive.

Provided also, that with Respect to the Island of Cyprus, a particular Disposition is to be observed, as will be hereunder mentioned.

The Captains of all Ships coming from the Levant, shall not take at Sea any Merchandize from any Ship whatever.

Neither shall they come to any other Entrances of this Country, nor advance further up than is above directed, with respect to Ships coming from France; and they shall likewise at their Arrival, give in to the first Guard Ship, with requisite Precautions, the like Declarations, according to the Form inserted at the Bottom of this Placard, thereto subjoining such further Matter as they shall judge proper, the whole to be dipt in Vinegar, in order to be sent by the Officer of the said Guard Ship to the College of the Admiralty, and to be order'd thereupon the Quarantain which they are to observe.

And the Captains are to take Care, that none of their Ships Company go on Shore, and that no Person comes on board their Ships.

The Merchandize specified in the List at the Foot of this Placard, may be unladed into Lighters or Barges, and so conveyed to the Places appointed for their Landing.

But all the other Goods and Merchandize on board the said Ships, must be conveyed by Lighters to the Lazarettos erected for that Purpose, in order to be there exposed to the Air in a proper Manner; and having remained there the Number of Days appointed by the Admiralty, they shall be redelivered according to the Disposition of the Owners.

The same is also to be observed with Regard to the Goods specified in the said List, in case they are imbaled, or packt up in Sacks, Mats, Straw, Paper, or such like Things.

Nevertheless, with express Order, as well with respect to Goods and Merchandize permitted, as to those that are to be aired, that they must not be unladed from the Ship into Lighters or other Boats, till each Lighter or Boat has obtained a Permission in Writing, containing the Name of the Waterman, and the Particulars of the Cargoe he is to receive, as also the Name of the Captain of the Ship who directs the Unlading: The whole, with these Precautions following.